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SUBJ: RPP OFFICIAL DISCUSSES ECEVIT PRESS CONFERENCE

REF: A. ANKARA 6079 B. ANKARA 6113

1. EMBOFF ON AUGUST 5 DISCUSSED REPUBLICAN PEOPLE' S PARTY

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(RPP) CHAIRMAN ECEVIT'S PRESS CONFERENCE OF THE PRECEDING

DAY WITH HALUK ULMAN, RPP FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISER, POINTING OUT THAT THE U.S. NATURALLY WOULD BE CONCERNED BY ANY STEP THAT COULD COMPLICATE FUTURE EFFORTS TO RESTORE RELATIONS. IN SUMMARY, ULMAN MADE THESE POINTS:

A. THE RPP SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE REGARDED AS ADVOCATING AT THIS TIME THE EXPULSION OF U.S. TROOPS OR THE DISMANTLING OF U.S. INSTALLATIONS.

B. HOWEVER, THE RPP IS HIGHLY CONCERNED WITH THE NEED FOR TURKEY TO ASSURE AN ADEQUATE NATIONAL DEFENSE, AND IT WANTS TO ASSURE THAT ALL THE NECESSARY QUESTIONS ARE ASKED AND ALL THE POSSIBLE OPTIONS ARE EXPLORED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

C. ECEVIT'S PURPOSE IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS TO PRESS THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT TO CLARIFY ITS POSITION IN SEVERAL AREAS WHERE VAGUENESS HAD MADE POSSIBLE THE GROWTH OF SPECULATION AND RUMORES. ECEVIT WANTED DEMIREL TO TAKE A DEFINITE STAND, BECAUSE THE RPP BELIEVES THAT CONGRESS CANNOT BE PERSUADED BY OTHER THAN "DECISIVE ACTION" ON TURKEY'S PART. THE PARTY BELIEVES SOME U.S. INSTALLATIONS SHOULD HAVE BEEN CLOSED EARLIER. (IN ULMAN'S OWN OPINION, CONGRESS WILL NOT RPT NOT LIFT THE EMBARGO IN ANY EVENT.)

D. REGARDLESS OF THE EMBARGO, THE RPP WANTS THE CYPRUS QUESTION RESOLVED SOON AND RECOGNIZES THE NECESSITY OF COMPROMISE.

2. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT ECEVIT'S REMARKS ON U.S. TRADE POLICY TOWARD TURKEY DID NOT CORRESPOND TO FACTS AS WE KENW THEM IT WAS ARRANGED TO PROVIDE ULMAN WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON U.S. TRADE POLICY TOWARD TURKEY AND TOWARD ROMANIA.

3. ULMAN SAID THAT ECEVIT HAD BEEN EXTREMELY CONCERNED BY A RECENT HURRIYET ARTICLE ALLEGING THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD TOLD PRMIN DEMIREL THAT HE COULD PROVIDE DEMIREL WITH DETAILS OF CYPRUS TERRITORIAL COMPROMISES OFFERED BY ECEVIT IN 1974 IF SUCH INFORMATION WOULD HELP DEMIREL TO OVERCOME DOMESTIC OPPOSITION TO A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. ECEVIT'S PREPARED STATEMENT (REF A) INCLUDED A DENIAL THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED SUCH CONCESSIONS WITH THE US. ULMAN ASKED THAT THE DEPARTMENT BE INFORMED OF ECEVIT'S CONCERN ON THIS POINT.

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